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The Honorable John Myers
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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Dear Mr. Myers:

This is in response to your letter dated 14 January 1986 enclosing correspondence from your constituent, [redacted] [redacted] is concerned about the unauthorized release of classified information.

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The issue of unauthorized disclosures of classified information is one of grave concern and high priority throughout the U.S. Government. According to Executive Order 12356, "officers and employees of the United States Government...shall be subject to appropriate sanctions if they knowingly, willfully, or negligently disclose to unauthorized persons information properly classified..." Each agency of the Executive Branch that originates and handles classified information has the responsibility of investigating unauthorized disclosures of such information. Persons determined to have knowingly made such disclosures are subjected to administrative sanctions such as denial of further access to classified information. Unauthorized disclosures are routinely reported to the Department of Justice for review and possible referral to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for appropriate action. The FBI is authorized to investigate such matters as potential violations of federal criminal law.

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With regard to the specific mention of Jack Anderson, Mr. Anderson does not have a security clearance for access to classified information.

Please assure [redacted] that the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) allows no one access to classified documents. Only information which is properly declassified is released under the FOIA.

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I hope the above information is helpful to [redacted]

Sincerely,

SIGNED

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David D. Gries
Director, Office of Congressional Affairs

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Dear [Redacted]

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The attached communication is sent for your consideration.
Please review and investigate the statements contained therein
and forward me the necessary information for reply.

Your assistance in this matter is most appreciated.

Sincerely,

John Myers

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